REMARKS

Claim 7 has been amended to avoid the fee for multiple dependent claims. New Claims 8-12 correspond to dependencies eliminated from original Claim 7.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 50-1165 any fees that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account.

If any extension of time is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been requested separately, such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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